

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-12 and 16-28. Claims 13-15 remain pending in this application and are provided below showing changes made relative to the original patent.

13. Loading bridge for making a connection between a loading platform and vehicle, comprising:  
a substantially planar member pivotally connected to the loading platform and capable of bearing a load, wherein a rear edge portion of said substantially planar member is hinged along a surface of the loading platform, and wherein a front edge is movable in a direction substantially perpendicular to said surface of the loading platform;  
a base positioned under said planar member,  
pivot means for pivoting said substantially planar member, said pivot means comprising an inflatable flexible body; and  
means for inflating said inflatable flexible body, said means for inflating including a ventilator positioned under said base.
14. A loading bridge as claimed in claim 13, wherein said base includes a hole for allowing communication between said inflatable flexible body and said ventilator.
15. A loading bridge as claimed in claim 13, wherein said inflatable flexible body includes an opening in a bottom portion for allowing communication with said ventilator.